(a) what are the benefits provided to the land oustees in the case of acquisition of land by the Railway authority;

(b) what are the benefits which have been provided to the land oustees for Sambalpur Talcher Railway line in Orissa; and

(c) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) As per the extant instructions persons displaced on account of large scale acquisition of land for projects on the Railways are considered for preferential employment on the Railways, at the rate of one job per family subject to fulfilment of certain conditions laid down therein.

This is apart from the cash compensation which is determined by the Revenue authorities and with whom the total compensation is deposited for disbursement to the rightful land owners.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Eviction of Tribals in Vanjiram Panchayat, A.P.

2231. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fresh threats of eviction of tribals in Vinjiram Panchayat, Polavaram Range, Andhra Pradesh, have been made since 15th July, 1995;

(b) if so, whether the Regional C.C.F., Bangalore has asked to enquire the latest threats by forest officials to a small community of tribals near Vinjiram in Polavaram Forest Range;

(c) whether any information has been sought from the Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry on the situation of tribals on Sunnalgandi hamlet, Vinjiram Panchayat; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) As per information received from the State Forest Department, there are no threats of eviction of tribals in Vinjiram Panchayat, Polavaram Range.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) On a separate reference, the State Government have been requested to furnish details of alleged harassment of tribals, if any, in Sunnalgandi village.

Four-Laning of Delhi-Jaipur and Jaipur-Ajmer section

2232. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Delhi-Jaipur-Ajmer stetch of the National Highway No. 8 has a very high traffic dansity of more than 35,000 PCVs in which 10,000 are commercial vehicles;

(b) whether Government propose to give Delhi-Jaipur Section (250 Kms.) topmost priority; if so, what are the details of the progress for four-laning made till 30th July, 1995 in this regard and in Eighth Five Year Plan period under ADB-III Loan Assistance Programme;

(c) whether Govenrment are also aware that if the road section from Jaipur to Ajmer (130 Kms.) is not included in the Ninth Plan period in the first priority for four-laning, the road will practically become non-functional during another 5 years due to heavy traffic; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto and action proposed to be taken are taken so far with regard to four-laning of Delhi-Jaipur and Jaipur-Ajmer section of National Highway No. 8?